

Subject:

Resolution Adopting and Amending the Historic Sites Inventory

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The Department of Planning and Zoning supports Council Resolution _____-2008 that adopts and amends the Howard County Historic Sites Inventory by adding nineteen historic resources to the County's list.

Howard County is very fortunate to have a rich history and many significant historic structures. Since the 1970s, the County has made extensive efforts to document historic properties, buildings and resources. The County maintains a Historic Sites Inventory that has expanded greatly during the past five years through the work of part-time employees funded jointly by the County and the Maryland Historical Trust. The Inventory includes properties from all parts of the County. In recent years, site documentation efforts have been focused in the Route 1 corridor, around Ellicott City and in the rural west.

The Sites Inventory was last updated in September 2007. The owners of the properties that will be added by this Resolution have been notified that their properties are proposed for inclusion. The properties are being presented in this Resolution in order to make them eligible for the County's historic tax credit and, where applicable, ensure that historic sites are considered during the subdivision process.

This Resolution will have minimal fiscal impact on the County. It does expand the number of potential tax credit applicants. Since 2002, more than \$94, 500 in tax credits have been awarded; \$6391 in the past year.

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